

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S 1848.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on emergency preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, after receiving testimony from Arden L. Bement, Jr., Acting Director, National Science Foundation; Warren M. Washington, Chair, National Science Board; and John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Nominations:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kiron Kanina Skinner, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board, and 2,235 nominations in the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Nominations:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senators Bond, Hutchison, and Cornyn, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, who was introduced by Senator Cochran and Representative Wicker, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on fund operations and governance, focusing on corporate governance reforms, a proposed mutual fund oversight board, the practices of late trading and market timing, and prospectus disclosures, after receiving testimony from David S. Ruder, Northwestern University School of Law, former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Mellody Hobson, Ariel Capital Management, both of Chicago, Illinois; David S. Pottruck, Charles Schwab Corporation, San Francisco, California; and John C. Bogle, Vanguard Group, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for international affairs of the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan Johnson Grant, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY: INTERNATIONAL FREE PRESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine American public diplomacy and the development of an independent media in emerging democracies, and a related measure S. 2096, to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy funding for the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), after receiving testimony from Margaret DeB. Tutwiler, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Gene P. Mater, Freedom Forum, Arlington, Virginia; Adam Clayton Powell III, University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy, Los Angeles, California; and Kurt A. Wimmer, Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.

U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine next steps in U.S. relations regarding Libya, focusing on Administration efforts to halt state-sponsored support for international terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, after receiving testimony from William J.

Burns, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Paula A. DeSutter, Assistant Secretary of State for Verification and Compliance.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the quality and accountability of higher education accreditation standards, after receiving testimony from Steven D. Crow, Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Chicago, Illinois; Jeffrey D. Wallin, American Academy for Liberal Education, and Jerry L. Martin, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, both of Wash-

ington, D.C.; and Robert L. Potts, University of North Alabama, Florence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee met to discuss certain committee business, made no announcements, and recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3845–3865; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 371–375, and H. Res. 538, 540–545 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Unborn Victims of Violence Act: The House passed H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 31.

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Rejected:

Lofgren amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to make it a federal crime to assault a pregnant woman and establish penalties for causing a prenatal injury or termination of the pregnancy, in addition to the penalties imposed for the assault to the mother (rejected by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 229 nays. Roll No. 30).

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H. Res. 529, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, February 25.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 1, 2004; and further that when it adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 3.

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Committee Chairman Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Tauzin wherein he resigned as Chairman of the Committee on Energy & Commerce.

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Committee Chairman Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 539, electing Representative Barton as the Chairman of the Committee on Energy & Commerce.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Barton wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

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Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 3850, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

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The bill was considered by unanimous consent after being discharged from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure by unanimous consent.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 1.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he certified that the governments of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia are cooperating fully with United